Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method of enabling users to subscribe to content in a computing environment without initiating a subscription process, comprising:

identifying a content access behavior pattern of a user;

responsive to the identifying, consulting a mapping that associates content access behavior patterns of users with corresponding candidate content subscriptions to be offered to users exhibiting the associated content access behavior patterns, thereby determining a selected one of the candidate content subscriptions which corresponds to the identified content access behavior pattern of the user, the selected one indicating a subset of content generated by a content source;

offering, to the user on a graphical user interface device, a subscription to the subset of the content by rendering a subscription interface for the subset, the subscription interface comprising a Web page which is distinct from a Web page usable for rendering the content generated by the content source;

responsive to acceptance of the offered subscription by the user, storing a trigger document associated with the user and the content, the trigger document specifying at least one condition associated with the subset; and

subsequently evaluating a then-current version of the content generated by the content source, using the at least one condition specified in the trigger document, to determine whether a then-current version of the subset of the then-current version of the content is considered a match to the at least one condition, and if so, automatically sending the then-current version of the subset to the user as subscribed-to content of the subscription and also scheduling an interval of time on an electronic calendar of the user.

Claims 2 - 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the subsequently evaluating is invoked responsive to expiration of a timer which is distinct from ~~operates independently of~~ the electronic calendar of the user.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the subsequently evaluating is invoked responsive to occurrence of an event.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the identifying is performed by an inference engine.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the identifying comprises identifying how the user interacts with a rendering of the content which is generated by the content source.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A system for enabling users to subscribe to content in a computing

environment without initiating a subscription process, comprising:

a computer comprising a processor; and

instructions which are executable, using the processor, to performs functions comprising:

identifying a content access behavior pattern of a user;

responsive to the identifying, consulting a mapping that associates content access behavior patterns of users with corresponding candidate content subscriptions to be offered to users exhibiting the associated content access behavior patterns, thereby determining a selected one of the candidate content subscriptions which corresponds to the identified content access behavior pattern of the user, the selected one indicating a subset of content generated by a content source;

offering, to the user, a subscription to the subset of the content by rendering a subscription interface for the subset, the subscription interface comprising a Web page which is distinct from a Web page usable for rendering the content generated by the content source;

responsive to acceptance of the offered subscription by the user, storing a trigger document associated with the user and the content, the trigger document specifying at least one condition associated with the subset; and

subsequently evaluating a then-current version of the content generated by the content source, using the at least one condition specified in the trigger document, to determine whether a then-current version of the subset of the then-current version of the content is considered a match to the at least one condition, and if so, automatically sending the then-current version of the subset to the user as subscribed-to content of the subscription and also scheduling an interval of time on an electronic calendar of the user.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A computer program product for enabling users to subscribe to content in a computing environment without initiating a subscription process, the computer program product comprising at least one computer usable storage medium having computer usable program code embodied therein, the computer usable program code operable for:

identifying a content access behavior pattern of a user;

responsive to the identifying, consulting a mapping that associates content access behavior patterns of users with corresponding candidate content subscriptions to be offered to users exhibiting the associated content access behavior patterns, thereby determining a selected one of the candidate content subscriptions which corresponds to the identified content access behavior pattern of the user, the selected one indicating a subset of content generated by a content source;

offering, to the user, a subscription to the subset of the content by rendering a subscription interface for the subset, the subscription interface comprising a Web page which is distinct from a Web page usable for rendering the content generated by the content source ;

responsive to acceptance of the offered subscription by the user, storing a trigger document associated with the user and the content, the trigger document specifying at least one condition associated with the subset; and

subsequently evaluating a then-current version of the content generated by the content source, using the at least one condition specified in the trigger document, to determine whether a then-current version of the subset of the then-current version of the content is considered a match to the at least one condition, and if so, automatically sending the then-current version of the subset to the user as subscribed-to content of the subscription and also scheduling an interval of time on

an electronic calendar of the user.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the at least one condition specified in the trigger document comprises a data name and a data value.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 22, wherein each of the at least one condition specified in the trigger document further comprises a comparison operator.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the trigger document further specifies at least one process to be invoked when the subsequently evaluating determines that the then-current version of the subset is considered a match to the at least one condition.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein a user-defined amount of time is used for the interval of ~~scheduling time on an electronic calendar of the user~~.

Claim 26 (new): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time.

Claim 27 (new): The computer-implemented method according to Claim 1, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time and an indication of when the interval of time can be scheduled on the electronic calendar.

Claim 28 (new): The system according to Claim 20, wherein the subsequently evaluating is invoked responsive to expiration of a timer which is distinct from the electronic calendar of the user.

Claim 29 (new): The system according to Claim 20, wherein a user-defined amount of time is used for the interval of time.

Claim 30 (new): The system according to Claim 20, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time.

Claim 31 (new): The system according to Claim 20, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time and an indication of when the interval of time can be scheduled on the electronic calendar.

Claim 32 (new): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the subsequently evaluating is invoked responsive to expiration of a timer which is distinct from the electronic calendar of the user.

Claim 33 (new): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time.

Claim 34 (new): The computer program product according to Claim 21, wherein the trigger document further specifies an amount of time to use for the interval of time and an indication of when the interval of time can be scheduled on the electronic calendar.